SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN

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SIERRA CLUB GROVE IN BUTANO FOREST

Sierra Club members, and San Francisco Bay Chapter members in particular, need no introduction to the Butano Forest situation, for they have supported the effort to preserve this area as a state park for several years. The final effort they are being asked to make is to contribute towards the $150,000 needed to complete the $785,000 fund required to purchase 2500 acres of the Forest.

It is our goal to raise $5,000 within the Sierra Club for the purchase of a SIERRA CLUB GROVE. We believe that a grove so dedicated would be a living reminder that the club stands as a guardian from Butano to Olympic National Park and from Dinosaur to San Jacinto.

Within the next few weeks every San Francisco Bay Chapter member will receive a letter urging support of this fund campaign. Don't lay it aside! Look it over carefully, send a contribution for the purchase of the SIERRA CLUB GROVE to the Sierra Club office and then pass the literature and a good sales talk on to your friends.

Every dollar you contribute will bear 100% interest because it releases a dollar from the State Beaches and Parks acquisition fund for the Butano purchase. If $5,000 is contributed by Sierra Club members, there will be a total of $10,000 available for the purchase of the SIERRA CLUB GROVE.

--Jack Barnard



MORE BALLOTS NEEDED FOR AMENDMENTS

The annual election this year brought in a record number of ballots cast--3580 for the Board of Directors. If everyone who voted for Directors had also sent in his expression on the proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, all would be well. However, the number of votes on these propositions fell short by about 275, and it is necessary that this further number be received to complete the count of over 50% of the membership. Votes which come in after the regular election date can still be included in the count for these amendments, and the Executive Committee urges every member who has not yet done so to mark his ballot and send it in. If a sufficient number is not received, it may become necessary to check the entire membership list--a lengthy and costly proposition. You can save the club much trouble and expense if you will send in your amendment ballot now. Take a look in your desk--it may still be there.

The following were elected Directors of the Sierra Club for the coming year:

Ansel Adams	Marjory B. Farquhar
Phil S. Bernays	Alexander Hildebrand
Arthur H. Blake	Arthur B. Johnson
Harold C. Bradley	Oliver Kehrlein
David R. Brower	Richard M. Leonard
Lewis F. Clark	Charlotte E. Mauk
Harold E. Crowe	Einar Nilsson

Bestor Robinson

The Directors will meet on May 5 for the election of officers and for the further consideration of club matters. Come to the Annual Dinner on that date (see below) and meet your new officers.

COME TO THE ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

CLAREMONT HOTEL, BERKELEY * * SATURDAY, MAY 5 * * TICKETS $4.25

Send reservations to club office. Deadline is May 2.

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Next Deadline:
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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor:

We are taking off this morning for our flight around the world, eagerly looking forward to the wonderful sights and experiences that await us but more especially to the opportunities to know and understand the people of the lands we shall visit.

For a while, as we fly across the Pacific, our thoughts will be directed back towards you; but soon they will turn forward in the line of our travels until, our journey completed, we shall be with you again at home.

Meanwhile, we shall keep you informed of our experiences and impressions by a letter addressed to all of you which will be sent to San Francisco and thence distributed.

We deeply appreciate the kind and loving thoughts you have expressed to us during the preparations for our journey. They will buoy us on our way.

Francis and Marjory Farquhar

JAMES RENNIE

Old high trippers will miss Jim Rennie, who at the age of 85, passed away on April 16. Jim was a club member so long that the present records do not indicate when he joined; he appears to have become a life member about 40 years ago.

Yodeler's sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rennie.

YODELEARS HEAR--

--of the marriage of Ann Fair and Ted Roelfsema.

--that Kathryn Awalt is now Mrs. B. C. Wheeler.

--that the Quarterly of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has asked permission to reprint Helen Rudy's stirring article, "It Can't Happen Here?", from the Yodeler of February 19. We are glad to know that this fine message will receive even wider circulation.

--from Barbara McClung, now Mrs. Theodore S. Gilman: "Ted and I miss California very much and all our friends there, too, and we hope it won't be too long before we can return--on a visit if not for longer. We like Colorado ever so much, however, and have had some wonderful trips out into the mountains--hiking and skiing and sketching, and we have also joined the Colorado Mountain Club. My husband is on the faculty of the University of Colorado here at Boulder."

--from Valeria (Whitney) Wagner: "We expect to spend summer on our ranch at Napa (1115 Loma Vista Drive). We have an outdoor picnic table there and I would like friends from the Sierra Club to share this picnic table as often as they like."

--from Don McCluskey: "I am deep in the abdomen of Texas. At the main post office in San Antonio there are three letter-drops: one air mail, one for Texas, and the third for Other States and Foreign Countries.' I am in the third week of an eight-week medical basic training cycle."

TIPS FOR TRIPPERS

The Educational Program on Tuesday, May 8, (Everett Junior High, San Francisco) on "Tips for Roughing It" will include discussion of food and equipment for back packing, packing with animals, automobile camping, and camping with children. A list of suggestions (recipes, useful pieces of equipment, etc.) will be prepared for distribution at the meeting. Have you any items for this list? Have you something to exhibit? If so, please write or phone: H. David Michener, 2616 Etna St., Berkeley 4, THornwall 3-6866. --H. D. Michener

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

Coming Events

April 20--Friday evening. Trees of California; a talk by John Thomas Howell illustrated by Kodachromes from the Club collection.

April 22--Bus trip to Sonoma county. Hike led by Amy Heggie and Sylvia Millard on east side of Sonoma Valley. We will also be shown through a winery near Sonoma. Send reservations for bus to Malcolm Smith by April 19 with check for $2.10, Box 173, Larkspur. Bus leaves 7th St. Depot at 8:15 AM. Those driving should be at the Square in Sonoma by 9:45 AM.

May 13--Sunday, Mt. Hamilton trip.

Tiburon Wild Flowers

On Sunday, April 8, twenty-two hikers decided to find out what the heavy winter rains had provided in the way of wildflowers.

On the way up to the top of the ridge the thick fog prevented the usual spectacular views from distracting from those close at hand. The first flowers seen were cowslips, wild geranium, owls clover, buttercups, white yarrow, windmill pink and tidy tips. When the first rocky outcrops were reached other kinds were seen. The purple phacelia Californica contrasted with the white phacelia distans. In the rocks many succulents grew. One wild cucumber had even produced a fruit.

At the top of the ridge grew the yellow Indian paint brush found only on this spot in all the world. Carpets of caeria or gold fields made bright patches. Blue brodiaea grew here and there. A carpet of tiny brownish plantains, plantago erecta, was the commonest flower in most places.

Shortly after 10:30 the sun came out and it became really warm. When the top of the ridge was reached, an expanse of bright blue lupine made patches of color like a lake interspersed with other lupines, poppies, sunshine and cream cups. A lunch spot was found under the oaks at the top of the ridge with views out to the Bay on the East and Mt. Tamalpais on the North and with a flowery expanse in the foreground.

WEST POINT INN--MARIN'S TOP BOOTEL

New Yodelreaders (some old ones too) may wonder about the West Point Inn whose schedule is periodically published in these pages. Here are some facts to allay your curiosity:

The Inn is located on the south slope of Mt. Tamalpais, at the junction of the Nora Trail, railroad grade, and the Rock Springs Trail. Operated cooperatively by members of the West Point Club, the Inn is managed by Al Duhme, who may be reached for weekday reservations at DUnlap 8-1975.

Five cabins (accommodating two or three people each) and seven rooms in the Inn are available for overnight guests. Rates are $1.75 per night for non-members, and $1.25 for members. This includes the use of a beautifully equipped kitchen for cooking your own meals. Good mattresses, springs and plenty of blankets are provided. Bring your own linen or rent sheets and pillowcases for 35¢ and 15¢.

For week-end reservations, see the list of hostesses in the Yodeler (these are volunteers from West Point Club membership), or call the assistant secretary, Mary Scaparone, TU 5-0514.

Anyone at any time is welcome to use the public facilities, porches, tables, etc., with no charge. If you wish to use the stove (to broil your steaks or heat your beans), there is a charge of 25¢.

The Inn property is owned by the Marin Municipal Water District. During the war the building would have been torn down had not a group of friends organized as an incorporated club to save it as a landmark, and to continue its tradition as a focal point for hikers.

--Marjory Washburn

WEST POINT INN--MAY

* 5-6	Roene McCook	(eve)	UN 1-2071
	Bea Davies	(eve)	GR 4-3654
12-13	Mrs. Jack Daly	(eve)	DO 2-0510
*19-20	Esther Crites	(eve)	GR 4-1666
26-27	Molly Kopfli	(eve)	AS 3-1193
		(anytime)	TU 5-0514

* Central Commissary

MORE HELP WANTED

Clair Tappaan Lodge needs a cook for the summer months (probably July, August and September). Also, it is contemplated that we'll have a baby sitter this summer at the lodge. Anyone interested in either of these jobs should get in touch with Henry Cam, Sierra Club Lodge, Norden, California

EAST BAY NEWS

Wednesday, April 25. Kodachrome slides will be shown of the high trip and base camp region for 1951. These slides were taken in former years by Hilary and Vera Henriques, Charles Davis, Stan Abrams and Dr. Ruth Pillsbury. For those thinking of going on a high trip or base camp this year, this offers a very good opportunity to get an idea of the country in which these camps will be.

Wednesday, May 9 John Thomas Howell will show Kodachromes of "California Trees and Where They Grow". John Thomas Howell's talks are always well presented and this should be a very worthwhile evening.

Reservations should be made through Vera Henriques by the Monday preceding. LAndscape 6-3663.

NATURAL HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

The second series of lectures on natural history, sponsored jointly by the Regional Parks Association and the East Bay Regional Park District, is now being held in the Lecture Hall in Tilden Nature Area. The following talks are still to be given:

May 6 (Sunday), 3:30 PM: (in the Brazilian Room) "And They Came by Twos"--interesting facts concerning the reasons why most plants seem to occur in two closely related species--by Professor H. E. McMinn, Department of Botany, Mills College.

May 18 (Friday), 8 PM: "Reptiles and Amphibians", by Robert Stebbins, U. C. Department of Zoology.

Directions to Tilden Nature Area: Go to the end of Spruce Street (to reservoir), travel east, down Canyon Drive to tennis court, turn left to Tilden Nature Area.

ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS

The trip to Lombardi Ranch, led by Marian Beck and Audrey Pass, was a huge success. Apparently prospects for a lazy weekend can be appealing even to the rugged, for something over 80 people trekked from fog to sunshine and camped along Putah Creek.

The Saturday hike was almost 2 miles to a beautiful waterfall on a tributary of Putah Creek.

That night a huge bonfire was built on an island, making it necessary to cross a stream about 3' wide and 6" deep, into which at least 5 people fell.

Sunday will be known from here on as "The Day of the Crossing." To get to the object of the day's trip, it was necessary to ford Putah Creek. The depth was estimated by those who crossed to be anywhere from ankle deep to neck deep. The most ignoble performance was put on by one of our sterling leaders (Audrey) who did a combination jackknife-swan dive, and came up looking like a drowned rat. This long arduous 2½-mile trip was further notable for the beautiful green meadows, the many many wild flowers, and the complete lack of anyone who could identify them.

The swimming near Devil's Head Rock was marvelous. Barbara Brattin took an unexpected, hair-uncurling dip in repayment for dousing certain innocent, unsuspecting and full-clothed parties on the High Trip 2 years ago. What long memories Sierra elephants have! -- Bob Cutter

LAST WEEK -- EAST PEAK

On Saturday, April 7, Hazel Eggett, a well-publicized deer enthusiast, and Margaret Hanson led nine other members and six visitors up from Mountain Home by way of colorful Fern Canyon, to the top of East Peak. A "side-trip" was made to and from Redwood Springs on little-used trails, after a leisurely lunch. The down to Mill Valley was on new (to most of us) trails that gave a satisfying sense of exploration in what we considered well-known territory. The leaders even provided excellent hiking weather. Those unfortunates who were not along missed a most enjoyable hike.

--Sudie Mai Hodnette

TRAIL DAY, APRIL 22

Arreminder: pruning clippers are needed for work on the Kent trail. It has been found that there will be more time for trail work if transportation can be arranged by private car. If you can furnish, or want, transportation, please contact Louis Henrich, AS 3-4939, or Al Glenn, MO 4-9707.

MOST SCENIC MARIN TRIP

The 38 local walkers who made the Olema Valley circle hike on Easter Sunday were unanimous that this is probably the most scenic trip in Marin. The trip was all on private property, belonging to the Tevis family.

The hikers converged on Highway 1, four miles south of Olema. Leaving the valley, we followed a dirt road westerly and ascended on the ridge that is topped by the Black Forest. We followed south through groves of Douglas fir through intimate green meadows to an open spot on the ridge where the magnificent panorama of the 75-year old Lakeside Ranch spread before us. Westward lay the ocean--Point Reyes in a delicate arch stretching northward. But the most unbelievable sight was a string of large fresh-water lakes (Bass Lake, Trout lake, Wildcat Lake, Crescent Lake), separated from the ocean by low sandy hills. We descended to the ranch; circled Trout Lake and Bass Lake, then down to the beach. We lunched and lounged comfortably on the beach--stacks of driftwood were everywhere and there was fresh water from de la Mere Creek.

Reluctantly leaving the beach, we turned on to a dirt road, circled Wildcat Lake and ascended on a long (but easy) climb to the top of the ridge, glimpsing Crescent Lake in the valley to the north. A last look at the ocean; then plunging through the Black Forest and small meadows, we descended to Olema Valley, thence to Sundberg Inn at the crossroads. Bear Valley was omitted from the trip, as the owners will not open it up to any organized group, or individual hikers. --Helene S.-Gloss

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DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL DINNER

CLAREMONT HOTEL, MAY 5

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TCC MEETING

Remember the Tamalpais Conservation Club semi-annual meeting at Bootjack Camp on May 6. Mrs. Verna Dunshee, President of the TCC, particularly invites the officers of member-clubs to be present. Everyone should bring his own lunch, and can enjoy the excellent coffee served by the committee. The meeting will begin at 1:30.

LOTS OF SUN IN VALLEY OF THE MOON

Two large busloads and a waiting list! Off we went through Marin into Sonoma County and the Valley of the Moon to Hooker's Oaks.

What a sight it was, to see about 90 of us (wearing such a variety of colors) hiking up through sunny oak-covered foothills, highland vineyards, and then up and up along an abandoned Mountain Road to the summit, along the ridge and down to a small lake near which was the "Top O' the World" where we had lunch.

After loafing in sun or shade, some catching up on their sleep, and others dancing a bit, we returned by winding down the old Cavedale Road to the waiting buses.

It was a round trip of sunshine, wildflowers, and distant views that was delightful to all of us. --Art Furnas

WHITLOCK GULCH

If you're planning to go on the Whitlock Gulch trip on April 28-29, remember that the fishing season opens that week end, so bring your gear and license. We've been told that the fishing in Alameda Creek is good, even though it is such a short drive from San Francisco and East Bay cities. Incidentally, the camping fee for fishermen is slightly more than for ordinary campers.

Description of the camping spot and driving directions are in the Schedule, but if more details are needed, do not hesitate to call the leader, Kay Killian at JOrdan 7-8510.

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* DID YOU VOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS? *

* SEND IN YOUR BALLOT! *

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